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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper, with a Request For Continuing Examination, is filed in response to the Office Action Office Action mailed December 29, 2005. A petition for a one month extension of time is filed herewith covering the period March 29, 2006 until present. The Commissioner is authorized to charge a one-month small entity extension fee to of \$60 to deposit account no. 033975 (order no. 016417-0272123).

Please amend the application as follows: